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Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"In view of the fact that in the year 1927, excluding the Koilkuntla incident, there were three shooting cases, may I know from the hon. the Law Member whether the Government have taken any steps to find out if proper enquiries were held and whether the police concerned in the shooting were declared within their rights?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"I wish to know how this supplementary question arises out of the answer. The hon. Member asked for information being placed on the table of the House and that has been done."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"I beg your pardon. These questions are with reference to an earlier question."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The present question has been answered."

Boilers

Officers under the Chief Inspector of Boilers and their qualifications.

* 793 Q.—Mr. C. GOPALA MENON: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) who are the officers under the Chief Inspector of Boilers and what are their qualifications;

(b) how many graduates of the Engineering College, Guindy, have been appointed under the Chief Inspector during the last ten years and what are the posts they occupy;

(c) whether the expenditure of the department for 1926-27 is 28 per cent over the receipts; and

(d) whether, in order to make the department self-supporting, the Government propose to reduce the number of circles, instead of enhancing the scale of fees for inspection of boilers?

A.—(a) Mr. J. L. Thompson, A.M.I.MECH.E., fully qualified Mechanical Engineer with first-class certificate.

Mr. S. A. Davis, qualified Mechanical Engineer with second-class certificate.

Mr. O. W. Baskett, practical Mechanical Engineer.

Mr. W. A. Baskett, do.

Mr. H. Knight, qualified Mechanical Engineer with first-class certificate.

All of them have had service as engineers on steamers or in mills and shops.

(b) None.

(c) Yes, about 30 per cent.

(d) The Government considered the question of reducing the number of circles last year: but found it impracticable. They have now under consideration the question of enhancing the fees.

* Mr. C. GOPALA MENON :—"Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state why the graduates of the Engineering College were not appointed as Inspectors of Boilers?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I suppose they did not apply at the time of the vacancies."

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* Mr. C. GOPALA MENON :—" May I know if there will be any objection in taking them if they applied ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" When there are vacancies, their case will be considered."

* Mr. C. GOPALA MENON :—" May I know why it was found impracticable to reduce the number of circles instead of the Government finding it necessary to enhance the scale of fees for the inspection of boilers ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" The efficiency of the administration will go down if we reduce the number of circles."

* Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" May I know the qualifications of the two Basketts? Have they passed any examinations ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" They must have worked under expert Engineers and learnt what is necessary for the discharge of their duties."

* Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Have they passed any examinations at all ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Notice, Sir."

* Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—" Even if they have not passed any examinations, do they hold any certificates from able Engineers ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" They are appointed because they are qualified to hold the posts."

* Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—" May I ask whether those gentlemen possess any certificates from the Engineers under whom they have served and who have trained them ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I suppose so."

* Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—" May I know if the Government do not possess the information ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I want notice of the question."

Forests

Concessions to the people of Ayanamakkala by the Forest department.

* 794 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : With reference to the reply to my question No. 129, regarding concessions to the people of Ayanamakkala by the Forest department answered on 24th August 1927, that the Government had called for the information, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to place the report or information on the table of the House?

A.—Information asked for in Legislative Council question No. 129 is appended."